

CSBA

Life



February 18



Profile of the **Month** Allan (Dusty) Taylor

**Hunter Chapter Chaplain
Members Representative
Leads CSBA Adventure Group**

Born: 1967 (turned 50 last December)

From: Orange NSW

Married: High School Friend - Linda Condon (My hugs and Kisses for 29 years and counting)

Children: 3 daughters (Hannah, Sarah & Rebekah) and 1 son (Timothy)

Education: Year 10 HS; Diploma of Ministry (Bible College); Carpentry and Joinery (TAFE)



My Story

I grew up in a completely non-religious family. (We didn't even know where the church was let alone go to one). Mum and Dad split up when I was 5 yrs old. I lived in 26 different homes until I left, got a job and went out on my own at the age of 16.

I was a very angry and hurt young man until I had a number of personal encounters with God who introduced Himself as "The Father that you're looking for".

This "New Father" led Linda and I on a 15 year journey overseas where we lived and ministered in a number of countries including America, Mexico and Romania. We served as Children's Pastors in San Diego California where our first two daughters were born... at home!

We served in Mexico as short term missionaries for a medical ministry called Project Compassion. (I love the authentic tacos there!!!)

We lived and served in Targoviste, Romania as church planters/humanitarian workers where our son Timothy was born... in a hospital this time! (Yes I learnt a lot of the Romanian language, it's a lot like Italian)

After seeing and doing things with God in those incredible "Adventure" years, more than we ever dreamed about, Father God led us back home to Australia for our greatest assignment yet... be parents of teenagers!!! We have almost made it through that season with only Timothy doing his HSC now. (He has his "Ls" for a bike now and we are setting up my old XR 400 so he can start riding with us SOOOOOON.) We are incredibly proud of each of these "Billy Lids" God gave to us.

What's doing now:

I currently work for a commercial building company as a site foreman and carpenter. Chaplain and Adventure bike ride leader for CSBA Hunter and I am passionate about exploring new trails, my Africa Twin Honda and sitting around campfires listening to stories and telling a few too! (Not to mention Banjo Patterson...)

What I've learnt in 50 years:

I've been through many changes and challenges in my life from terrifying to terrific, heartbreaking to heart-healing and through it all I have noticed something unmistakably consistent...



This creator, who calls Himself “My New Father” has always been very kind to me. He has never left me to fight the battles alone and He has only ever tried to steer me in good directions. I haven’t always listened to Him well, but I’ve tried to because He has proven to me over and over again that...

- 1) He is good,
- 2) He’s in love with me even when I fail Him repeatedly and
- 3) I’ve only ever experienced genuine, heart-deep peace when I am close to Him.

You might think I’m crazy... but if I am, I’m a very happy crazy and I’m a pretty amazed crazy. (I never expected any of this to happen!)

You might think that God is mad at you or completely indifferent or disinterested in you. Or you might not even think He’s there at all, but it’s too late for me! I encountered God when I wasn’t aware He was even interested in me.

I simply asked the sky a question one day... “God... I don’t know if you’re real or not... but... I want to know!”

That simple question started an amazing journey for me that is still going today. It could start a journey for you! Only you can start it.

Happy to talk to anyone who wants to know more...

Dusty



Passing of Gary Blackman

It is with great sadness to share the passing of Gary Blackman Sunday night 25 February. His long battle with cancer is finally over. He was a great friend, father and will be surely missed. Please be praying for his family at this time. Further details will be poster on the CSBA Facebook page.

We will share more about Gary in the March newsletter.



THE GUNN RUN

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th March

The Gunn Run is the annual CSBA event of the year, where we ride the Twisties of the Oxley Highway!

If you are coming you need to book accommodation ASAP and let Craig Humble know that your coming on 0403 571321.

Bookings can be made on 02 65877255 or www.mountseaviewresort.com.au

There are rides for all types of bikes fast, slow and dirty.

Tar rides will be leaving Friday from the BP at Beresfield at the end of the M1 at 8:45am. Dirty rides please contact Dusty 0401 511547. Catch up soon Craig



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WHAT'S COMING UP

Friday 2nd March - Sunday 4th March

THE GUNN RUN

Saturday 17th March

Macquarie Pass (Jamberoo Loop)

Come and join us for a ride on Macquarie Pass and the Jamberoo Rd loop!

Arrive: ~7:30am

Depart @ 8:00am Shell Service Station Kirrawee

Brunch: Robertson Pie Shop

Lunch: Bargo Pie Shop

Ride End: Bargo Pie Shop

Sunday 8th April

Colo Heights via Sackville

Come and join us for a ride to Colo Heights via Sackville!

Arrive: ~7:30am

Depart @ 8:00am 7-Eleven Berowra

Brekky: Tractor 828 Cafe

Ride End: Berowra Ferry

- Please start all rides with a full tank
- Riders can purchase fuel and food at indicated stops
- Weather permitting, check Facebook for updates

Contact Tony for more info on the Sydney Chapter

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Hunter Corner

ROAD CORNER

WHAT'S COMING UP

Friday 2nd March - Sunday 4th March
GUNN RUN

Saturday 17th March
MOONAN MUSTER

Meeting 8:00am BP Beresfield on John Renshaw Dr at the end of the M1.

Sunday 8th April
WOOTON WAY

Meeting 8:00am BP Beresfield on John Renshaw Dr at the end of the M1.

Hunter Bike Night
3rd Thursday of each month 7pm
Harry's De Wheels Newcastle

Come along



Our members meeting is on the 2nd Monday of each Month at 6pm for tea and fellowship. Our Chaplain Dusty Taylor leads us in what has been some great meaningful evenings where we are able to share with each other and encourage each other.

Contact Chris for more info on the Hunter Chapter
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DUSTY'S CORNER

Tracks4Life - Yengo

Saturday 24th March

It's time to put wheels to our words! On our last ride we talked about the subject that we can't ignore anymore... suicide.

I want to do something tangible to help face this issue head on!!! I've spoken to Darren Cook and many of us absolutely applaud what he's doing to raise awareness for men's mental health,

LET'S DO A RIDE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR HIM!!!

I've asked Darren if he can join us for a ride on Saturday the 24th of March and after lunch share what's on his heart with us.

I'd like to raise a few dollars for him and tracks4life so I'm going to suggest a \$20 registration fee for the ride that will go entirely towards tracks4life.

Here's the Ride:

Saturday 24th March

Meet Edgeworth Maccas 7:30am for 8am Start

We'll ride through Sugie and the Watagans to the Laguna Trading Post

10:30am we'll leave The Trading Post and go over the Yengo, up the Commission and out the Californian to have lunch at the Cockfighters Hotel at Bulga about 1:30pm

After lunch we'll hear from Darren, and for those who want to, I'll lead any riders home to Newcastle over the Old Convict Rd.

Or if you've had enough you can just slab it home from Bulga, I don't mind!

Also if you don't want to do too many Dusty type trails you can just meet us at the Laguna Trading Post at 10am and go with us from there.

If you are an adventure rider and you haven't done the Yengo then now is your chance. It is a brilliant but relatively easy trail that you can get through on road tyres. (it would be easier on 50/50s)

You'll love it!

DUSTY



TRACK RECORD



With - Dave Mahaffey

TRACK DAYS

If some is good, then more must be better, right?

The CSBA track day program has introduced more than 50 people to the joys of riding a motorcycle on a race track. Not only is this a great experience, it also makes you a better rider. And if you like to ride fast, the track is a much safer place to do it than the road.

Our track day program has always been well supported, with groups of 6 to 10 commonly showing up at Sydney Motorsport Park as well as some other great Australian race tracks. But every now and then, the bug bites hard and the numbers go through the roof. And when this happens, it's a great day for everyone involved. But more importantly, it puts CSBA squarely in front of everyone else at the track, which is one of the main reasons we have a track day program.

CSBA is a Christian ministry to the motorcycling community and having a visible presence at the track is a significant step in introducing the association to other riders, particularly those that do most of their riding at the track. With this as our aim, we have decided that more is definitely better. But then again, maybe it's not.

What we would like to try this year is running a smaller number of official CSBA track days but get more riders along to them, so that the other riders at the track can't fail to notice us. The program for the year will look something like this.

- ✓ Track day trip to Phillip Island on 12th and 13th March – our premier track day event
- ✓ Four track days at Sydney Motorsport Park – the first of these will be on 7th April
- ✓ Selected track rider training courses, such as the HART Trackmaster course

Financially, Phillip Island is a significant commitment and is not for everyone (although if you can scrape together the cash, you will not regret it). Ride days at SMSP are also expensive, but we are hoping that, by reducing the number of events, more people will feel happy to join in. After all, riding at the track is not just for hardened track day riders or racers – it is perfect for anyone who wants to ride their bike fast.

Sydney Motorsport Park Ride Days also give you the option of paying for the ride day in installments using Oxipay.

For the seasoned track riders or those that would like to do more (and for some, more is definitely better), there will be other opportunities that come up during the year.

And stay tuned to the CSBA Facebook group and our web site - more dates will be published soon.

So yes, more is better. The more riders we can get along to each of the four Sydney track days, the better.

You could also include the following three items.

The 2018 CSBA Phillip Island Track Attack is now less than one month away and the excitement is building. This has become an annual event and if you missed out this year, mark early March 2019 down in your calendar now. Riding Phillips Island is an experience not to be missed.

Our next Sydney track day at Sydney Motorsport Park will be on Saturday 7 April. Spots are available in all groups and you can book at <https://smspridedays.com.au/content/book-now-arlo> Once you have booked, let us know through the Facebook event. If you haven't ridden at the track before and have any questions, send a question through the Facebook page and our track coordinator will get in touch. Or email us at csbasydneystackdays@hotmail.com

JUST IN – The HART Trackmaster track training course is on again on Saturday 19 May. If you are looking at honing your track skills, this could be just the thing. Or you might want to try riding on a race track in an unthreatening environment with expert coaches on hand to help you out. CSBA has had groups at the last 2 Trackmaster courses and the reviews have been excellent. Cost will be \$299. Keep an eye out for the Facebook event and register your interest.

Keep up the good work – See you on the track. *Dave*



JOKE OF THE MONTH

One day an elderly pastor confides in his parishioners that he's feeling a bit lonely and depressed. So one of the parishioners suggests to the pastor that he buy a pet. Thinking this a grand idea, the pastor hurries into town and after much deliberation, buys a parrot.

Unfortunately not five minutes after arriving home, the parrot starts hurling a string of expletives at the pastor.

After about an hour it gets to be too much, so the pastor walks up to the parrot, slaps him on the beak, and yells, "QUIT IT!" But this just makes the parrot madder and he starts swearing at the pastor in even more colourful language.

Finally the pastor has had it and says, "All right, that's it. Grabbing a blanket, the pastor throws it over the parrot's cage and screams, "Now, SHUT UP!" Well, this really irritates the parrot and he starts clawing and scratching at the bars of his cage. Finally the pastor removes the blanket. Immediately the parrot starts right in on the pastor again.

By this time, the pastor is so infuriated that he grabs the parrot by the throat and throws him into the freezer. Well, the parrot starts swearing and thrashing about so loudly that the pastor is considering killing the bird. Just as he's thinking this, it gets very...very quiet.

At first the pastor just stares at the refrigerator, but then he starts to think that the parrot might be seriously injured. He becomes so worried that he runs over to the refrigerator and throws open the freezer door.

The parrot climbs out of the freezer, flaps the ice off his wings, and says, "Awfully sorry about the trouble I've caused you father. In the future, I'll do my best to improve my vocabulary."

The pastor is astounded. He can't believe the sudden transformation that has come over the parrot. Finally the parrot turns to the pastor and says, "Um....by the way, what did the chicken do?"